Twin Arch Bridge Mt. Airy

c. 1901

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Survey No. CARR-1563
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and/or common	Twin Arch Brid	ge		
2. Loca	ation			
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city, town	Mt. Airy	X_ vicinity of	congressional district	
state	Maryland	county	Carroll	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being considered X_not_applicable	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious Scientific X transportation other:
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name CSX	Transportation	-		
street & number			telephone no	) <b>.:</b>
city, town		state	and zip code	
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city, town	Westminster		state	Maryland
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surv	
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## 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

#### Contributing Resources: 1

The Twin Arch Road bridge is located at the intersection of Twin Arch Road and the CSX Railroad tracks, approximately one and one-half miles southeast of Mt. Airy in southwestern Carroll County, Maryland. The bridge carries the railroad tracks over Twin Arch Road and the south branch of the Patapsco River. With one arch over the road and the other over the river, the bridge lends its name to the road. The arch over the river appears to be narrower than that over the road. However, there is too much traffic to safely measure the arches. The bridge walls and voussoirs are of large granite ashlar. The staining walls are splayed and have corbie steps. The top stones on the retaining walls and on the face of the wall that contains the arches, are larger and are set so that they project approximately two inches beyond the face of the wall. Both sides of the bridge are identical, although the retaining wall is longer on the stream side. Inside each tunnel there are stone walls up to the spring line with brick barrel vaults above.

8. Significance				Survey No. CARR-1563		
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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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A Vision of Home: Centennial History of Mount Airy, Maryland 1894-1994 (Mt. Airy, MD; The Town of Mt. Airy, 1994), pp. 4-5.

10. Geographic	al Data		
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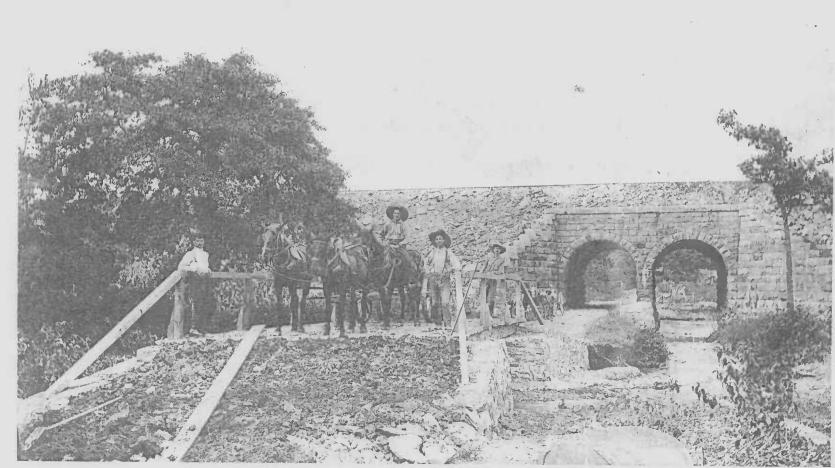


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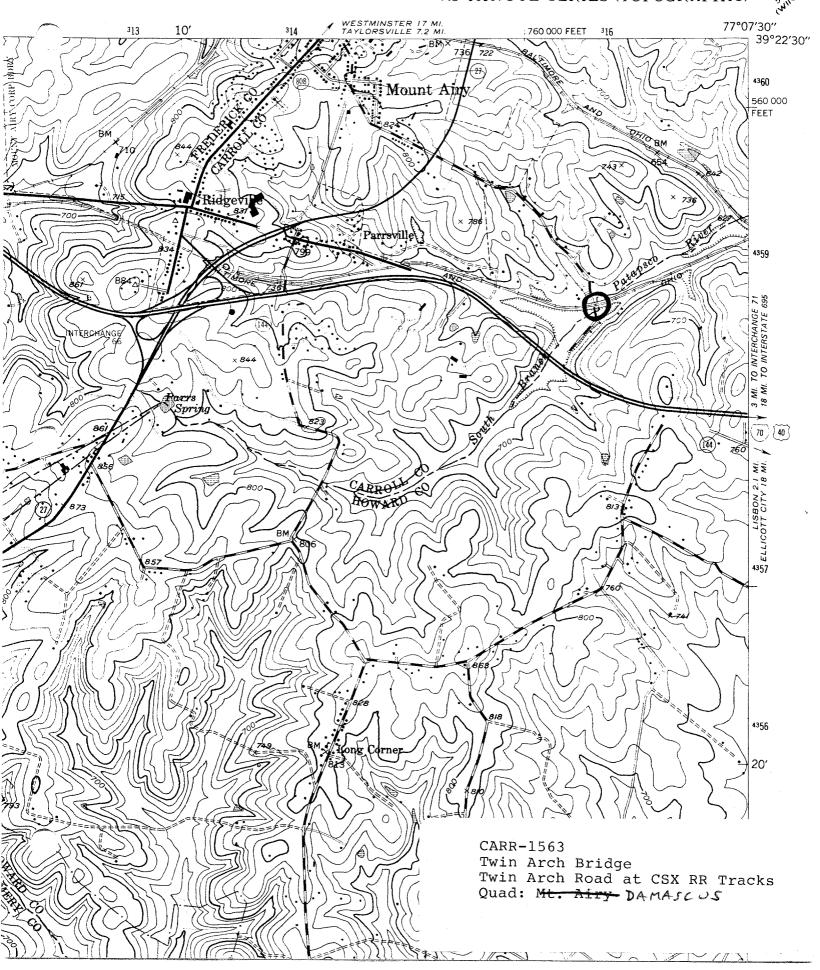
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